God's choice of people

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A Chosen People
Lesson for July 19, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Deuteronomy 6:20-25;6:6-11
Introduction

The notion of divine election has been the cause of serious confusion and debate. In this week's lesson we take a brief look at why God chose Israel to be the nation of people to carry out his divine plans for justice and grace.

God chooses persons according to how he can use their uniqueness to bring about certain aspects of his divine purpose. He does not choose on the basis of nobility or greatness. God chooses ordinary people who possess those qualities which will enable them to function in the context of divine purpose.

To be chosen does not at all imply that one becomes a puppet in the controlling hands of God. The chosen of God still maintain their freedom to be the unique individuals they were created to be.

From Parents to Children [Deut. 6:20-25]

God spoke through Moses and instructed the Hebrew parents in what to share with their children. God intended that the events of the Exodus and the law be handed down to all generations. Parents were encouraged to become involved in their children's search for meaning and understanding of the faith.

Children naturally question the rules and regulations laid down by parents and society. To test the "waters of authority" seems to be a natural inclination of the young. Such questioning should be seriously handled and appropriately answered. Children need to know the reasons behind certain rules and regulations. To simply say, "Because I say so," does not get at the concern of the probing mind of a child.

Parents are instructed by God to share their religious heritage with their children. Such matters cannot be left solely to the church. Children learn obedience from the obedient example of their parents.

A Nation With A Purpose [Deut. 7:6]

It is important to recall that God's choice is not always our choice. He does not choose according to our criteria, but only according to the standards he sets. We may think that God could have chosen a nation other than Israel to carry out his divine mission. But God does not choose on the basis of greatness. If that were the case, he could have chosen Egypt or Babylonia or Rome. Instead, God chose a people whose sights were not blinded by power, wealth, or worldly influence.

Thus, God chooses on the basis of unmerited love. We do not have to stack up a good "credit sheet" to be used by God. We can simply make ourselves available to be used of God as he sees fit. God chooses at his own pace and for his own reasons.

Chosen For A Promise [Deut. 7:7-11]

The chosen of God are given certain tasks to undertake. We are his designates to proclaim justice and love and mercy in a world that is sometimes unjust, unmerciful, and unlovely. And God is good to those who follow his commandments and serve him obediently as faithful servants.

There are benefits in keeping the commandments and living servant-hood lives, namely, God rewards those who follow after him. To choose the path of faithfulness and love of God and neighbor is to invite divine blessing. God looks with kindly favor on those who live for the promise.

If we keep our part of the covenant relationship, God will surely maintain his part of the covenant. God blesses a thousand times over those who faithfully love and serve the God of Israel.

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Church News

Revival services set for Walker's Church

Rev. Sam H. Zealy, former pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church will be conducting revival services at Walker's Presbyterian Church in Hixsburg. Services will begin July 19-24 at 8 p.m.

There will be special music each night and the nursery will be provided.

Smith presides over Mt. Zion Baptist services

Regular preaching services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on July 5. The Rev. Charles Smith presided.

The Senior Choir rendered beautiful music, and all in attendance enjoyed the service.

The Rev. Lewis preached a challenging message, and at the end of the service the Holy Communion was served.

Many visitors were present for the Fourth of July holiday.

We are so thankful for the much needed rain.

The Zion Baptist Church and members and friends extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lynn Gordon, who died in the Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wesley.

Our sick are improving, and our prayers go out to the sick and shut-in.

Mr. William Hunter and Miss Ruby Best visited his mother and sister over the weekend.

Jordan slates sing

There will be a special sing at the Jordan Baptist Church this Sunday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.

This event will be held for the benefit of the Community Youth Choir.

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The Pastor Speaks

By DANIEL W. MENSER
Christ Helps with Daily Problems

Colossians 2:1-3 "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in him." Verse 6.

God leads us through his Word, circumstances, and his counsel. He also leads those who are moving spiritually instead of just sitting still. The Bible is a most reliable source for counsel. Think of a problem, situation, or decision you might face right now. Spend a few minutes alone with the Lord and his Word and answer the following questions.

1. Do you believe God's will can be known? READ Psalm 32:8.

2. Are you willing to seek God's will and do it? READ John 17:7.

3. Is there any unconfessed sin in your life? If so, confess it. Look up and READ I John 1:9 and Psalm 66:18.

4. Are you spending time daily with God through reading his Word and through prayer? If not, commit yourself to begin doing so today. READ Psalm 5:3.

5. Do you have all the facts about the situation? If not, get them. READ Proverbs 24:3-5.

6. Make a list of all the advantages and the disadvantages about the problem you face.

7. Act in faith, believing God wants you to do the right thing. READ Hebrews 11:6.

Remember your burden, whatever it is, becomes lighter when you let God help you. Pray that you will always be aware of God's love and guidance in your life.

Daniel W. Menser is pastor of Hollywood and Central Baptist Churches in Appomattox County.

Area Gospel talent to be displayed here

Area gospel singing talent will be featured at a Gospel Sing scheduled for Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox Elementary School.

Featured in the event will be the Gospel Crowns from Naruna, the Gospel Pursuaders of Danville, the Love of God from Bedford, the Heavenly Five from Amherst, and the Four Sisters of Nelson County, and the Bedford Community Singers from Bedford County.

For additional information on this event, contact the Rev. O. C. Dandige at 384-2979.

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Old Guard Group Supports Robb

By BOB GIBSON
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Charlottesville, Virginia

A group of independent conservatives who have supported Republicans Mills E. Godwin Jr. and John N. Dalton for governor is forming to support Democrat Charles S. Robb's gubernatorial candidacy this year, political sources said last week.

A local member of the group, Charlottesville businessm a n John W. "Billy" Williams, said he expects many members of the conservative political organization founded by the late Harry F. Byrd Sr. to join the group.

"Right many of the people that I know who supported Dalton and Godwin are supporting Robb," said Williams, a former 7th District Democratic Party chairman.

Williams said the group, known as Virginians for Robb, includes such former Byrd organization stalwarts as former congressman Watkins M. Abbitt of Appomattox, state Sen. Elmon T. Gray of Waverly, former state Democratic chairman Sidney Kellam of Virginia Beach and former House Majority Leader James Thompson of Alexandria.

Williams said he believes that Robb is more conservative than Republican candidate J. Marshall Coleman "on some issues" and that "Coleman has never been known to be a conservative."

'BILLY' WILLIAMS
Robb Backer

Political fund raisers say the conservative coalition group that formed as Virginians for Godwin and Virginians for Dalton was important to the financing of statewide political campaigns.

Williams said that he and fellow conservative George C. Palmer II of Albemarle "right now are primarily raising funds." Both men have chaired conservative coalition groups in the area in past campaigns.

Seventh District Democratic Chairman George Gilliam said the Virginians for Robb group is raising sizeable contributions and will play an important role in the campaign.

"From what I can see in some finance meetings, it looks pretty widespread," Gilliam said. "Those people are a swing group. For this stage of the campaign, (Robb) looks awfully, awfully strong."

Albemarle Democratic Chairman Bruce Rasmussen said Virginians for Robb "will contain a large majority of the Central Virginians who has been called the conservative coalition."

Rasmussen said the influx of conservative support and campaign contributions "will have a substantial impact in November."

Williams said the group will be formed for Robb and not the entire Democratic ticket, although many conservatives could support the entire ticket this year.

Williams said that he could not support the GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, state Sen. Nathan H. Miller "under any conditions . . . because if there's anything I want a part of it's a conscientious objector."

The former draft board chairman in Charlottesville, Williams said that Miller's "conscientious objector" draft status "is going to hurt the entire (Republican) ticket." Miller said he filed for draft status as a non-combatant.

Williams said that Miller's recent statement that he would bear arms today "is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard."

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Mrs. Robin Wallace Moore

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Mrs. Lester B. Wilkinson

Womack, Glenn wed

The marriage of Miss Tammy Marie Womack to Lynwood Twyman Glenn took place Saturday afternoon, June 27 at Walker's Presbyterian Church in Hixburg, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryland Womack, of Pamplin, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Clemmie Glenn Gobble, of Hixburg, and the late Robert Lee Glenn.

The Rev. Millard Stimpson and the Rev. Linda Shatzer, both of Hat Creek, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Lisa Bryant, of Cullen, presented the organ music for the ceremony and also accompanied Miss Tamara Nash of Appomattox who sang "The Wedding Song" and "You Light Up My Life."

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a gown of snowy white fantasy polyester. The bodice was covered with Organza and accented with appliques of clipped Galloon lace. The high neckline and full bishop sleeves were trimmed in Wyla lace and small appliques. The gown had a high empire fitted waistline trimmed with matching lace, complemented by the flowing chapel length train. Her veil was fingertip length attached to a laced appliqued cap to match the bodice of her gown.

Miss Kimberly Hipps, of Pamplin, was the maid of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Ann Simmons, of Prospect; Miss Judy Zimmerman, of Concord; and Miss Jane Almond, of Pamplin. All of the attendants wore yellow floor-length gowns fashioned of fantasy polyester with elbow-length cape, scoop neckline and full skirt. The honor attendant carried a bouquet of white daisies, yellow sweetheart roses and baby's breath. The other attendants carried bouquets of yellow and white daisies and baby's breath.

Robert Glenn, of Appomattox, was his brother's best man. Other groomsmen were Ricky Simmons, of Prospect; Jerry Womack, of Pamplin, brother of the bride; and Robbie Thomas, of Pamplin, cousin of bride. The groom wore a white tuxedo; the groomsman wore tuxedoes of dark green.

Miss Michele Stanley, of Appomattox, was flower girl. She wore a floor length gown of white eyelet, the waist encircled with a white satin ribbon. Master Andy Murray, of Pamplin, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer. He was dressed in white. Miss Angie Murray, cousin of the bride, attended the guest register.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length gown of apricot. The groom's mother wore a floor-length gown of turquoise. Both mothers wore white butterfly orchid shoulder corsages.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Sanders, of Pamplin, wore a lavender floral dress with a white butterfly orchid corsage.

Mrs. Margie Covington, of Pamplin, directed the wedding.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Womack were hosts for the reception at the church. Mrs. Margaret Garrison, of Pamplin, took charge of the reception. Helping with the reception were Mrs. Nedra Womack, Mrs. Jean Carrico, Mrs. Edna Womack and Mrs. Addie Baker, all of Evergreen, Mrs. Mildred Hipps, Mrs. Ruby Almond, both of Pamplin; and Mrs. Shelby Bryant, of Cullen. Robert Earl Pankey was chosen as photographer for the occasion.

After a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the couple will reside in Farmville.

Miss Cynthia Gail Clark

Cindy Clark in pageant

Miss Cynthia Gail (Cindy) Clark daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. (Pete) Clark of Appomattox will represent the County in the 1981 Pre-Teen & Junior Miss Pageant to be held Sunday, August 2, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn in Staunton, Va.

Cindy will be sponsored by the 1980 Snow Queen Pageant in which she was second runner up and was sponsored by Bass & Milton Construction Company of Appomattox.

Cindy who is a rising freshman at Appomattox County High School has various hobbies which include art, swimming, skating and golf.

As a part of the pageant each contestant will be required to model a long evening gown and swimsuit as well.

Kreidel, Curran wed

The Spout Spring Baptist Church was the setting for the marriage of Gina Elizabeth Kreidel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George E. Kreidel, Sr., to John Vincent Curran, Jr. of Concord, Virginia, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Curran, Sr., on Saturday, July 11, 1981.

Mrs. Bettie M. Leftwich, organist, presented a program of selected wedding music prior to the ceremony.

Soloist, Thomas R. Terry, sang "You Needed Me". A duet was sung by Violet and Bill. Barnes "We've Only Just Begun" before the ceremony. During the ceremony, Thomas R. Terry, sang "The Lord's Prayer".

The Rev. George E. Kreidel, Sr. pastor of Spout Spring Baptist Church and father of the bride performed the ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her brother, George E. Kreidel, Jr., wore a traditional wedding gown with seeded pearls and a chapel train, featuring long appliqued sleeves accented with chiffon, and a Queen Anne neckline.

She wore a chantilly lace edged veil attached to a small framer. Her bouquet was of white silk flowers, featuring roses.

Mrs. Ellen Hinnant of Greenville, N. C., sister of the bride was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Robin Kreidel, sister-in-law of the bride from Danbury, Connecticut; Robin Aldrep, Janet Goff and Marie Parrott all of Lynchburg. Flower girl was Jody Shirey of Spout Spring.

Mr. John V. Curran, Sr., was his son's best man. Ushers were John Coates, Roger Alexander and Lester Trout, Jr. of Lynchburg and Billy Hansen, Concord, Va. Ring bearer was Master Jeffrey Curran.

Miss Judy Curran, from Simsbury, Connecticut, sister of the bridegroom presided at the guest book. Mrs. J. R. Megginson, Sr., was mistress of ceremony. Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr., decorated the church and reception hall of beautifully arranged flowers. Immediately following the ceremony the bride's family entertained at a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mrs. Vernelle Reynolds directed the reception being assisted by Mrs. Betty Scruggs, Mrs. Gertrude Olesh and Mrs. Betty Napier. Mrs. Jean Martin and Mrs. Dot Reynolds assisted at the punch bowl. Mrs. Bessie Trout and Mrs. Rebecca Harris cut the cake.

The bride and groom are graduated of Appomattox County High School and have attended Central Virginia Community College.

After the honeymoon at Virginia Beach the couple will make their home in Lynchburg.

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Miss Sharon Lynn Chambers

Miss Chambers, Mr. Tucker to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John William Chambers of Red House, Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynn, to Mr. Otis O. Tucker, III, son of Mrs. Otis O. Tucker, Jr., of Drakes Branch, Virginia and the late Mr. Tucker.

Miss Chambers is a graduate of Randolph-Henry High School and attended Longwood College.

Mr. Tucker is a graduate of Lunenburg Central High School and is employed by the Charlotte Gazette.

The ceremony will take place at four o'clock, the afternoon of September 19, at Providence Baptist Church at Red House.

No invitations will be sent; but relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Tsoleas, Moore wed

White summer flowers banked with palms and lighted cathedral candles decorated Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church July 4 for the wedding of Miss Ann Gardner Tsoleas and Robin Wallace Moore.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nick G. Tsoleas and the late Mr. Tsoleas of Lynchburg and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Moore of Appomattox. The double ring vows were read at 7:30 p.m. by the Rev. David Camden. Miss Mary Dyess, organist, and Mrs. Ralph D. Reynolds, soloist and aunt of the bridegroom, presented a program of nuptial music. Songs which were sung included "The Twelfth of Never," "There Is Love", and "Whither Thou Goest."

Escorted by her brother, Michale Tsoleas, and given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore a summery gown fashioned of sheer organza with a high neckline with a sheer Point d'Esprit yoke over taffeta with embroided lace and the bustle-back skirt formed a cathedral-length train also trimmed with lace. The traditional lace fingertip headdress matched the lace of the gown. The short bouffant sleeves were formed by three tiers of sheer organza trimmed with embroided lace. She carried a cascading bridal bouquet of stephanotis and phalaenopsis orchids.

Miss Cynthia Gail Tsoleas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a tea length gown of printed pink organza.

The bride was also attended by Miss Renee Wells, cousin of the bride, Mrs. Edward Thompson Straton and Miss Traci Harris Moore, sisters of the bridegroom, Mrs. Kendall Godsey, cousin of the bridegroom, Miss Martha Garrett and Miss Michelle Tweedy. Their gowns of bridal chiffon matched the design of the maid of honor and were of rainbow colors of sweet pea, chiffon apricot, angle blue, wispy maize, chalk mauve, and petal pink. They carried cascading bouquets of white pom poms and minature carnations to match their rainbow dresses.

Miss Angela Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell of Lynchburg, and cousin of the bride was flower

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Martin, Wilkinson wed

The marriage of Miss Eugenia Anne Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Martin of Lynchburg to Lester Benjamin Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Wilkinson of Rustburg took place Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin of Spout Spring and the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jordan of Halifax.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilkinson of Rustburg and Mrs. J. J. Reynolds of Lynchburg and the late Mr. Reynolds.

The Rev. Alden L. Hicks, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Paul Blevins, pastor emeritus of the church officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a white bridal gown with seed pearls on the bodice and chantilly lace on the skirt that swept into a scalloped edged train. Her veil was edged in lace and attached to a cap of lace and seed pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of apricot, ivory and green flowers.

Miss Cindie Roark of Lynchburg was maid of honor. She wore a floor length gown of mint green accented with a sheer cape. She carried a cascade bouquet of apricot, ivory and green flowers.

Other attendants were Miss Amy Wilkinson of Rustburg, sister of the groom, Mrs. Nancy King of Brookneal, cousin of the bride, and Miss Ann Johnson of Lynchburg. They wore peach gowns identical to the maid of honor, and also carried similar bouquets.

Miss Regina Edwards, cousin of the groom was flower girl. Her dress was white dotted swiss with a peach ribbon and she carried a white basket with peach rose petals.

Mr. Lester T. Wilkinson was best man for his son.

Ushers were Irvin Reynolds cousin of the groom, and Doug Knowles, both of Lynchburg, and Victor Shelton of Rustburg.

The bride's mother wore a floor length gown of mint green accented with a sheer cape.

The groom's mother wore a floor length peach gown. Both mothers wore corsages of

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